

Fwd: Christmas in Hollywoodland: IMPORTANT UPDATE

4 messages

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Tue, Dec 29, 2015 at 7:44 PM

To: David Michaelson < David.Michaelson@lacity.org>, Ted Jordan < ted.jordan@lacity.org>

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Checking in re Hollywood Sign.

Gentlemen, please see extensive email chain below and the last one with the person stating that extensive lawsuits are "about to be filed".

The Councilmember used discretionary funds to add enforcement during the holidays as he did for Thanksgiving. Christmas Day was quite busy but the other days appear to be well mitigated. We believe that these residents became concerned that we would then stop moving forward on other mitigations such as changing state law or lobbying Google to change directional signs and so they have launched constant emails each with more significant threats.

We would love to connect with you when you are back in the office on how we should respond and the status of the Beachwood lawsuit. It appears to be time for a larger sign meeting given that the Griffith Park plan is about to be released.

Let me know your availability and if we can connect by phone.

Thanks,

Sarah

Sarah Dusseault Chief of Staff Councilmember David E. Ryu 213 473 7004 Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Date: December 28, 2015 at 3:36:20 PM PST To: Guy Cc: Sarajane David Ryu <david.ryu@lacity.org>, Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>, Catherine Landers <catherine.landers@lacity.org>, Michael Shull <michael.a.shull@lacity.org>, Joe Salaices <joe.salaices@lacity.org>, Kevin Regan <kevin.regan@lacity.org>, Beatrice.Girmala@lapd.laity.org, PETER ZARCONE <peter.zarcone@lapd.lacity.org>, Aram Sahakian <aram.sahakian@lacity.org>, Joseph Castro <joseph.castro@lacity.org>, TRACY FIELDS <33844@lapd.lacity.org>, Adam Miller <adam.miller@lacity.org>, Daniel Park <daniel.park@lacity.org>, rap.commissioners@lacity.org, John Vidovich < john.vidovich@lacity.org>, Albert Torres < albert.torres@lacity.org>, Jacquelyn Lawson <jacquelyn.lawson@lacity.org>, mayor@lacity.org, Tracy James <a draw, ames@lacity.org>, Christine . Crosby Tara : ▶, TheTBFman • >. Khaled ' >. Heather >, George Denise

Its my understanding that additional major lawsuits are to be in filed.



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On Mon, Dec 28, 2015 at 3:26 PM, Guy

CONTRACTOR CAR Wrote:

Mary Parks made in the

Hey Sarajane. I'm going to be home for 4 days and have been reading all the emails. Will be attempting the drive up Beachwood in about an hour. How is the lawsuit going?

Guy

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 28, 2015, at 1:38 PM, Schwasser wrote:

TODAY, MONDAY DEC. 28TH, CONDITIONS ON UPPER BEACHWOOD DRIVE ARE UNSAFE.

I am requesting that you shut down access to Beachwood Drive and Hollywoodland. I have not driven around the rest of the neighborhood, but I have walked Beachwood Drive north of Ledgewood, it is dangerous. Even our former Councilman

would shut things down when they reached these conditions. Will you not do the same?

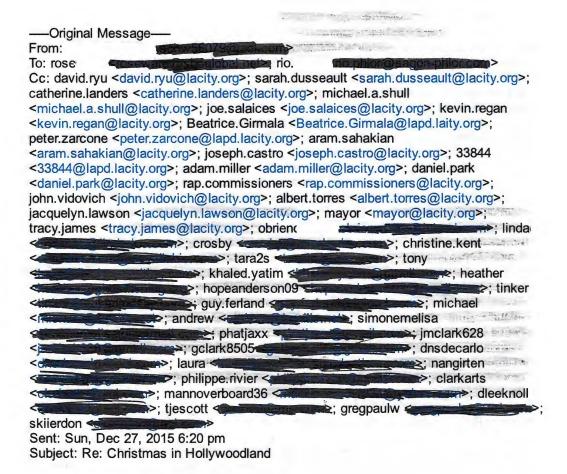
Upper Beachwood is now one mass parking lot with moving vehicles and pedestrians fighting for space in the narrow area that is left as heavy traffic comes in unpredictable waves. I just saw a man with his very young son walking down the street with a line of eight cars crawling behind them because there is no room. (When I told them about the Canyon Drive entrance with parking lots near wide streets with sidewalks and other infrastructure they were livid!!)

I see a lot more trespassing onto private property including my own because of the lack of space for pedestrians. They are not pleasant when I tell them to move.

For the most part activity up here is legal, but DANGEROUS. WE HAVE NO INFRASTRUCTURE TO ACCOMMODATE ALL OF THESE PEOPLE. THAT IS WHY YOU MUST SHUT DOWN THE MAGNETS OR SHUT DOWN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. You are now responsible for these conditions, and you have the power to make it safe.

Sarajane

Homeowners on Beachwood Drive United



I just came in from outside. The DOT officer came in response to my call to ticket the cars.

One he did not ticket because a person was sitting inside it which I mentioned is the new thing.

Instead he gave the person several warnings, was about to ticket him, when his friends returned

so he got off. But he had been there for quite a while before enforcement showed up. The limo also got away. While I was outside in the dark I counted almost 50 people walking in the street including

almost a dozen kids and a baby stroller. You think conditions here are safe and acceptable? Why do you continue to promote this? Do I keep repeating myself? If so, it is because I am only responding to what I keep seeing.

Sarajane

Sent: Sun, Dec 27, 2015 5:26 pm

Subject: Re: Christmas in Hollywoodland

My husband and I left for a few hours to escape all of the people.

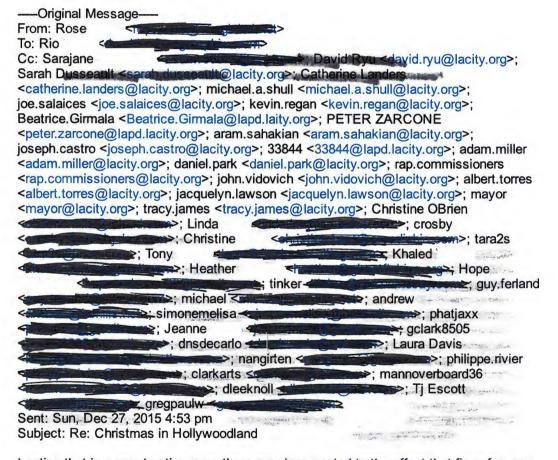
We just got back to find FIVE ILLEGALLY AND UNTICKETED CARS parked in

front of our house!!!! Where is all of this increased enforcement that our tax dollars are paying for?

One of them is even a limo. Again look how dark it is and all of these people are still walking around in the street with lots of kids. THIS ALL HAS TO END BEFORE THAT TRAGEDY HAPPENS. So far this holiday

has been a mismanaged mess!!!

Sarajane Schwartz



I notice that in a construction zone there are signs posted to the effect that fines for any infraction of traffic laws will be double the usual amount. Maybe instead of Caution on the electronic signs down on Beachwood we should put that same warning.

Ignorance of the law does not pardon the illegal action

Rose

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On Dec 27, 2015, at 4:09 PM, Rio



There has always been a double standard for tourists. Rangers were told to just give warnings under La Bonge's regime. I think they are operating under the same old rule because nothing since has been mandated.

On Dec 27, 2015, at 3:29 PM, Rose wrote:



There seems to be a double standard with regard to enforcement of any of the traffic or fire code violations with our LAPD.

I was in my front garden when I heard an officer asking a visitor/tourist to move on that he was parked illegally in a red no stopping zone. The tourist already out of his car tried to debate with the officer that there was no other suitable place to park so he could just take a picture, the officer let him know that if he wrote him up a ticket it would be about \$300 and asked him graciously to move on. I yelled out...Give him the ticket! How else are we to have some order up here if everyone just gets a slap on the hand when they obviously disregard the law when there are signs posted everywhere. If he had gotten the ticket, You know that young tourist would have been upset enough to post it on Instagram or facebook alerting everyone with a copy of his \$300 ticket stating....it's not worth it!

I was parked with the car running a while back in front of the market to drop off my dry cleaning and a traffic officer hidden behind the parking lot came to give me a ticket, even though I was already back in my car by the time he got there. There was no free pass for me a resident I paid the \$100 ticket and that cured me from trying that again. While I appreciate the work the officers are doing up here today, if someone is parked illegally, or smoking, they need to enforce with the applicable tickets and fines they do not need to give anyone a free pass

Rose

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On Dec 27, 2015, at 1:33 PM,

I sent this email to a few yesterday, and today, Sunday, I'm expanding the list. It is another day of dangerous chaos up here that any responsible City entity would be rushing to shut down-legal or not-and in this case most of this is illegal. It is only getting worse. The crowds up here are the worst they have ever been!!!

Original Message-From:

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<Beatrice.Girmala@lapd.laity.org> Sent: Sat, Dec 26, 2015 8:46 pm Subject: Christmas in Hollywoodland

I want to give you my Christmas Day report from our neighborhood particularly since you have made the effort and covered the expenses for additional manpower, and you asked for input.

My husband and I went for a drive through the city where everything was closed. It was quiet and there was no traffic. Do you want to know where everyone was? Well not everyone, but thousands who wanted something to do on Christmas rather than staying at home. They were here. We're open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year and this amusement park is free!! That is free to the visitors, but not the taxpayers that have to pay for enforcement that doesn't even scratch the surface for what's really needed, and whose cost will be a drop in the bucket compared to lawsuit payments when that pedestrian gets killed or our houses burn down. Needless to say we were not having a guiet holiday with our families. We never get a day off.

I drove around our neighborhood to see what was going on. I can only report on what I saw at that time-conditions at other times and other locations could have been better or could have been worse. I just know the visitors come in unpredictable waves.

Westshire Drive-I saw over a dozen illegally unticketed carssome without permits and some parked in front of no parking signs. I reported it to LAPD that was sitting at the end of Beachwood. They said they would contact parking enforcement.

Deronda—The barricades were knocked over. Cars were going up Deronda. I only went as far as Deronda and Rockciff because I was afraid of being stuck at the end of Deronda. The car in front of me and the car behind me went up there though, so I can only imagine that it was a mess.

Dirt Mullholland--- saw about a half a dozen cars around the entrance. Some had a driver sitting in the car while it was illegally parked waiting for others. This is a new phenomenon that I'm also seeing on Beachwood as people try to get around the no parking signs. I did not park to see what was going on past the barricades because there is no legal place to park, but if it was typical, things there were probably pretty wild.

The View Site---It was filled with hundreds of people and looked like a concert had just let out. The crowds extended from the lower park area where a ranger was standing all the way to the corner of Durand and Mulholland. The view site is no longer just that spot but a whole area that keeps growing and getting worse. I saw LAPD at the top pf the hill. Even with enforcement there were illegally parked cars facing the wrong way, and people walking in the street along narrow Mulholland with dogs and baby strollers. Some of this

extremely dangerous activity was out of view of LAPD because of all of the blind curves. Enforcement was for the most part inadequate.

Beachwood Drive---It had very heavy car traffic and many, many pedestrians-- all in the street. Several times during the day I saw unmarked oversize vans carrying groups of people up the street. I had to call parking enforcement several times just about cars parked illegally in front of my house. In the midst of gusty winds we had to tell people to put out their cigarettes. In an earlier email we had been told by LAFD that the fire danger was low with recent rains. That didn't help the situation a few hours later when a dangerous fire broke out and closed the 101 in Ventura. Of course we didn't have 50 mile per hour winds, but on the other hand we did have significant gusts with people smoking just feet away from homes. The end of Beachwood at Hollyridge was gridlocked as a line of cars waited to turn around at the park entrance. If anyone needed to get up there in an emergency, they would have had much difficulty and delay. Lower Beachwood was filled with parked cars and I experienced delay there because the street is so narrow and people were looking for parking places and trying to park. After dark dozens of visitors walked down in the street.

TODAY, Saturday afternoon, what I witnessed was even worse everywhere because the crowds were even larger except at dirt Mulholland where a DOT officer was stationed so I saw no cars blocking that area. What was going on past the blockades I do not know since additional enforcement is needed there to prevent the frequent trespassing and smoking. I did not check on Westshire. As for Deronda, the barricades were up, but at the other end by Rockliff were several cars illegally parked by no parking signs. The view site was a horrible mess. A ranger sat in his car by the park People were now climbing across the street, trying to get over fences. We got caught up in gridlock on Canyon Lake Drive. I saw two LAPD officers watching the crowds and chaos. As for Beachwood, it had an unbelievable number of cars gridlocking the end and a constant stream of pedestrians walking in the streets-so many, that at times they were preventing vehicular traffic. At the end of the day when it was dark after 5, they kept coming and illegally parking. My husband is always afraid when he sees me getting car info and the driver is around. As he says "we don't know where they live, but they know where we live." He is afraid of retaliation. And he's right, because right now we have to do a lot of our own enforcement. We should not have to live like this.

Again, if you think this is an enforcement problem, you need dozens of people up here to do it properly. It's what would be required at any other amusement park or they would be shut down for unsafe conditions by the authorities. And in addition so much of what is dangerous here, you cannot ticket. Thousands of pedestrians in public streets is not safe, and smoking all over this entire neighborhood is a huge problem. The only solution therefore is to shut this all down. Why do you insist on keeping this open? Please give me an answer to what everyone including the enforcement people up here keep asking. I have yet to get an answer that makes any sense. The longer you keep this all open, the worse it gets... This is the opposite of safety being the priority that you promised us.

Sarajane Schwartz

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Wed, Dec 30, 2015 at 11:57 AM David Michaelson david.michaelson@lacity.org To: Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org> >, Yena Ji <yena.ji@lacity.org>, Alexander Ponder Cc: Ted Jordan <ted.jordan@lacity.org>, [<alexander.ponder@lacity.org> Good morning Sarah. Yes, let's talk the first part of next week. I hope you and your family are having a wonderful holiday. David David Michaelson Chief Assistant City Attorney City of Los Angeles [Quoted text hidden] This electronic message transmission contains information from the Office of the Los Angeles City Attorney, which may be confidential or protected by the attorney-client privilege and/or the work product doctrine. If you are not the intended recipient, be aware that any disclosure, copying, distribution or use of the content of this information is prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by e-mail and delete the original message and any attachments without reading or saving in any manner. Wed, Dec 30, 2015 at 3:47 PM Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org> Tc. Forwarded message From: Tony Date: Wed, Dec 30, 2015 at 3:42 PM Subject: Re: Christmas in Hollywoodland: IMPORTANT UPDATE To: Nancy Cc: Rose ' , david.ryu@lacity.org, Linda -, Sarajane "mayor@lacity.org" <mayor@lacity.org>, "aram.sahakian@lacity.org" <aram.sahakian@lacity.org>, " , "john.vidovich@lacity.org" <john.vidovich@lacity.org>,=

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Like he cares.?

Thanks Tony

On Dec 30, 2015, at 3:33 PM, Nancy



never the sales of the sales was the SHUT DOWN THE TRAILHEAD MR RYU! This is not sustainable in any way, shape or form. The people have spoken loud and clear!

Nancy

3061 N Beachwood Dr

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2015, at 3:23 PM, Rose



Is anyone recording this with photos or video?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 30, 2015, at 2:39 PM, Linda



I just came down Ledgewood Drive to Beachwood Drive.

A lovely, simple drive that should have taken 60 to 90 seconds took 15 minutes.

while dodging human sea of tourists.

I wouldn't be surprised to see Hollywoodland residents rise up in the streets and begin public displays of protest against the Hitleresque tacticts by the City of Los Angeles' and it's representatives.

SHUT IT DOWN. NOW!

On Dec 30, 2015 1:56 PM,

Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015

The vehicular and pedestrian traffic continues to overwhelm our neighborhood.

I just returned home. I got stuck in gridlock on Beachwood. Then there was a line of cars

in each direction filling our narrow streets. After a while I just barely was able to turn into my driveway.

Add pedestrians, parked cars, children, infants, and strollers to the mix, Where else is there a nationally promoted tourist magnet in the middle of a residential extremely high fire risk neighborhood where no parking has been provided, and there aren't even sidewalks with substandard streets???? I want to remind you that this is a residential neighborhood----not a park or an amusement park. This is beyond incompetence. THIS IS UNSAFE. SHUT IT DOWN!!!.

-Original Message-

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Tuesday Dec 29th 2015

The crowds and chaos continue today with enormous numbers of people in the streets fighting for room with parked and moving vehicles.

The fence on my property was again broken by visitors.

Across the street people with an SUV parked entirely in the red except for their front bumper were doing a tailgate and picnicking in the street. I stopped a parking enforcement car, and told them where they were so they could be ticketed. Instead he drove past them twice. I then saw LAPD and told them. They went over, gave him a waming after he had been parked there over a half an hour and had him move. What is our tax payer money going for if enforcement will not ticket tourists? What a waste of resources. I was hopeful that Labonge's "go easy on the tourists policy" had come to an end.

Sarajane :

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We have made the necessary repairs to the ancient (lead) underground high voltage system to restore the lighting. All of the lights in Beachwood area are operating normally.

Ed

"Bright Lights Safe Nights"



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On Thu, Dec 31, 2015 at 10:10 AM, Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org> wrote: There is also the broken one on the corner.

Sarah Dusseault Chief of Staff Councilmember David E. Ryu 213 473 7004 Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 31, 2015, at 7:25 AM, Ed Ebrahimian <ed.ebrahimian@lacity.org> wrote:

We repaired some lights last night and have a crew out today to make more repairs

Ed

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Ed Ebrahimian



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Thu, Dec 31, 2015 at 1:21 PM

Forwarded message —

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To: Sarah Dusseault <sarah.dusseault@lacity.org>

Cc: Adam Miller <adam.miller@lacity.org>

Happy New Year Sarah to you and the entire CD4 team!

Ed

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